

How Extensive Was Construction and Repair/Renovation Activity at Predominantly Undergraduate Institutions?

All nondoctorate institutions spent \$92.3 million to construct S&E research space and \$34.5 million to repair/renovate S&E research space. Combined, the predominantly undergraduate institutions spent \$65.2 million to construct S&E research space in fiscal years 1992–1993 and \$27.2 million to repair/renovate their S&E research space (Table 7-3). Comprehensive universities spent over ten times as much on construction projects and almost one and one-half times as much on repair/renovation projects as did liberal arts colleges. It should be noted, however, that comprehensive universities are generally larger than liberal arts colleges and that more comprehensive universities are actively engaged in research than liberal arts colleges.

Table 7-3. Capital project costs for science and engineering research space at predominantly undergraduate institutions: 1992–1993
[Dollars in millions]

<i>Predominantly undergraduate institutions</i>	<i>New construction costs</i>	<i>Repair/renovation costs</i>	<i>Total capital projects</i>
Total: All nondoctorates			
.....	92.3	34.5	126.8
Nondoctorate HBCUs ¹			
.....	27.1	7.2	34.3
Predominantly undergraduate			
.....	65.2	27.2	92.4
Comprehensive universities			
.....	60.2	16.5	76.7
Liberal arts colleges			
.....	5.0	10.7	15.8

In fiscal years 1992–1993, the amount spent for S&E research construction projects at predominantly undergraduate institutions represented about 2 percent of all money spent for S&E research construction at all research-performing universities and colleges. (See Table 3-1, page 3-4.) Repair/renovation to S&E research facilities at predominantly undergraduate institutions represented approximately 3 percent of all repair/renovation dollars in fiscal years 1992–1993. (See Table 3-3, page 3-5.)